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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you believe that agencies should be honest when dealing with the Legislature?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think the Game and Parks is being honest with the Legislature, or are they playing games with the Legislature?

SENATOR STUHR: No, I believe that they are being honest. And if I could add just one comment,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Not at this point, because my time is here. But later on, when I ask a different question, I don't mind. Because I'm trying to reach something. You told us that Game and Parks does not intend to raise these fees, and you added the word "immediately." When do they plan to raise these fees, based on their dealing honestly with you?

SENATOR STUHR: I can't say exactly. But I would say possibly in a year or two.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think they'll raise them in less than a year? Will they raise them before March of next year, in your opinion?

SENATOR STUHR: I don't anticipate that they will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we could pass a bill in January of next year to give them the percentage raise in the fees that they might need. That is possible, isn't it?

SENATOR STUHR: It is possible.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, let me propose something to you. And I know you can't accept or reject because you're just carrying water, so to speak, this morning for the Game and Parks. Why don't we change this bill from this open-ended approach, even though you talk about a cap, to one of saying, we will give a six percent increase in all these fees, to take effect January 1, 2004? What about that? Since they're only going to